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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham announced the filing of an indictment¹ against Rashawn James charging him with possession with the intent to distribute “crack” cocaine, using or carrying a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on or about April 5, 2009, James possessed a 9mm pistol and possessed with the intent to distribute approximately 9.2 grams of “crack” cocaine.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Rashawn James	Philadelphia, PA	1986

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years imprisonment, a \$4,500,000 fine, 8 years to a lifetime of supervised release, and a \$300 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Swanton.

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